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Dear Friend:

On Saturday, November 13, 2021 SPHERE will host its bi-annual Gala at the Amber Room Colonade. This event will not only help fund the continuing needs of our members but will enhance our various programs to better serve them.

This year, we'd like to congratulate **Lori Berisford** as the recipient of our "**Commitment to Service Award**".

Lori joined the SPHERE Board in 2012 and has been SPHERE's Board Chair since 2014. In a given year, Lori does so much 'behind-the-scenes' administrative work to keep things running smoothly – schedules, newsletters, program development, facilitating relationships with fellow non-profits, ensuring proper governance and procedures, working with program volunteers and members, just to name a few of her responsibilities. In this time of Covid, the strength and steadfastness of Lori's leadership was highlighted by the challenges she faced as Board Chair daily. Lori has tirelessly worked to keep SPHERE going ... keeping in-person programs when possible, creating remote programs to keep members engaged, supporting and staying in touch with members to ensure all were doing well during this stressful time. This is why the Board of Directors chose to honor Lori Berisford with their Commitment to Service Award.

SPHERE enables its members to participate in and enjoy a dimension of life that is often missing for people with developmental, cognitive and intellectual disabilities. Our programs provide a safe venue for social interaction and development, skill building, cultural opportunities through arts and recreation, meeting and making friends and so much more.

Your support means you can help our members and volunteers continue programming that enhances the lives of our local adults with disabilities.

How can you help??

- Underwriting all or a portion of the event, such as décor, food costs or printing
- Donating a unique item or service to one of the evening's auctions
- Advertising in the SPHERE Program Book

Your donation will not only enhance our auction, but also give your business well-deserved publicity. Full sponsorship of our Gala means all proceeds can go directly to fund the programs that we provide for our members.

Your support of this fundraiser is greatly appreciated. We thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,
Elaine Cox
Gala Chair
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